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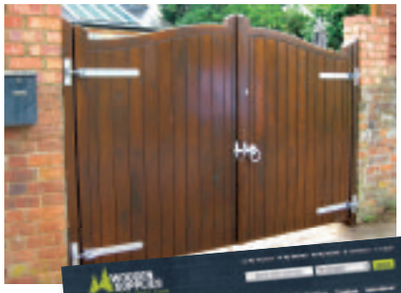

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Ex-Cobblers boss Sammo lands Corby job

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A Royal appointment for town Sea Cadets

YOUNG people from the Northampton Sea Cadet unit will help lead the Queen's barge down the River Thames to mark the Diamond Jubilee.

Members of the group will join other Sea Cadets from across the UK to lead the barge, Gloriana, across the water on June 3, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Sea Cadets, aged between 12 and 18, will be the focal point in a huge procession of more than 1,000 vessels in a Thames pageant, the likes of which haven't been seen since 1717.

A 55-strong team of Sea Cadet boats from all over the country, each one carrying a flag to represent a Commonwealth nation, will sail in a diamond formation on an 11km route from Wandsworth to Greenwich.

The boats, Trinity 500s, were specially designed for Sea Cadets last year by Olympic dinghy medallist Jo Richards.

The narrowboat, the Diamond, will support Northampton's Trinity 500 and has been provided by the Northampton and Wellingborough Sea Cadets, representing Lady Juliet Townsend, Lord-Lieutenant for Northamptonshire.

Commanding Officer Lieutenant (SCC), Claire Read RNR, said "It's an honour and a privilege for our cadets to be selected for this prestigious event."

A canal boat that normally gives pleasure cruises to the elderly and disabled in Northamptonshire has also been picked to accompany the Queen's personal vessel. The Mountbatten Crusader is owned and run by St John Ambulance Northamptonshire and is usually found moored at Blisworth Marina on the Grand Union Canal.

Petty Officer Cadet Callum Hodgson, PO Cadet Joseph Barley, Leading Cadet Olivia McQueen and PO Cadet Lara Jolley will help guide the Queen's barge down the Thames *Picture mnce-22-05-12-SL-31*

Temple plans set for go-ahead

PLANS to build a large Hindu temple in Northampton, which were first revealed four years ago, should finally receive approval from councillors next week.

The Indian Hindu Welfare Association revealed plans to build the £12 million temple in Lings Way, Lumbertubs, in 2008.

The plans were backed by members of the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC) in 2010, but they now need the final seal of approval from Northampton Borough Council.

The council's planning committee will make a final decision on the development's future on Tuesday next week. But a report written by council planning officer, Chris Preston, which will be seen by councillors, said the development should be backed. He argued the temple should be built despite the development site currently being a wildlife area.

Olympic role for Charlotte, 18

SPORTY Charlotte Burrows, aged 18, of Upton, Northampton has been chosen as one of only 8,000 people to carry the Olympic torch in preparation for the games.

Charlotte was nominated for the honour by Sport England and will carry the torch in Rugby on Monday, July 2.

The Brunel University student, is studying Sports Science with coaching.

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Just how easy is it for your dog to 'do a Pudsey'?

PUDSEY'S remarkable ability to dance on his hind legs alongside devoted owner Ashleigh Butler was enough to net the pair £500,000 and the title of winners of *Britain's Got Talent* 2012.

The dancing duo wowed both the judges and millions of TV viewers with their complex routines, which saw Pudsey jump on cue and weave between Ashleigh's legs to music.

After only their first audition, Simon Cowell claimed it was the best dancing dog act he had ever seen.

But just how easy is it to teach your dog to dance?

Professional dog trainer, Graeme Hall, who works under the name The Dogfather, says almost any dog owner can teach their pet a few tricks.

Graeme, from Overstone, said: "There are lots of tricks you can teach your dog. How far you get will depend on how good your dog is and how good you are.

"What has happened with Ashleigh and Pudsey is he is a particularly good dog and she has a talent for it.

The Dogfather, Graeme Hall (inset) reveals a few tips to get your dog dancing like Pudsey

"What most people want to start with is a well-behaved dog in every sense. If your dog is not even well-behaved when you just walk him, you are not going to be able to do more. It really is true that you have to learn to walk before you can run."

Beginners should start with mastering heel work, getting the dog to walk nicely by your side.

Graeme says you can then start putting this to music and adding some rhythm.

You can also teach your dog to jump on command and progress to other tricks.

The key is to reward your dog when he does something right. Graeme said: "All dogs have something they would do anything for. Some are not bothered about treats. With my dog it is a combination of treats and toys. Above all they want affection."

Pudsey is a border collie, bichon frise and Chinese crested cross and Ashleigh has been training him in canine freestyle since he was three.

Mr Hall said smaller dogs tend to learn most quickly, particularly Jack Russells.

"I have two Rottweilers and a Jack Russell and of the three, he is the one I would choose to learn tricks. Border collies are also very good at heel to music. That is not to say you could teach any dog, but you can certainly still have lots of fun."

To find out more about The Dogfather call Northampton 493007 or visit www.dogfather-training.co.uk

Tips to make your dog dance

Stand

STARTING from the sit position, hold a treat right in front of your dog's nose, then say 'Stand!' and move it above him so that he will have to stand in order to reach it.

As soon as he stands, say 'Good boy!' and, when he sits back, give him the treat.

While he is standing you can move a few steps, holding the treat, to get him to walk on his hind legs.

Spin

HAVE your dog stand in front of you and hold a tasty morsel in front of his nose. As he 'locks on', give the treat. Offer a new treat, and lead his nose slightly away from you, rewarding him with the treat.

Now stop luring and have him follow your empty hand and feed from the other. You gradually turn his head more and more until he moves his shoulders too. Soon enough the whole dog will move in the direction of the treat.

As you speed this up, you can circle your hand over your dog's head as he spins. Ask for more spins per treat.

Finally your hand signal can be a small circling movement with your finger just in front of you.

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Signs for cyclists at Olympics made by local charity

DISABLED staff at a Northampton sign-making company will have their work seen by millions of TV viewers as they direct Olympic cyclists during this summer's games.

Specialist road sign manufacturer Nordis Signs has started putting up almost 2,000 temporary road signs to direct cyclists competing in Olympic road-race events around the 250km course.

They were made with help from staff at Nordis in Lodge Farm Industrial Estate, Northampton the majority of whom have learning disabilities.

Steve Wright, manager of Nordis Signs said: "Our team have worked hard to develop the 1,800 signs for the Olympic road races and we're proud to be involved in this great sporting celebration."

All the signs will be installed along the course, which passes through London and Surrey, in phases over the next seven weeks. They will also divert Londoners around the course.

Helped by J. McCann Ltd, May Gurney will install and maintain the signs then removing them again afterwards.

Nordis will also use more than 500 A-frames and three thousand sandbags to hold them in place and so provide temporary road-side signage.

Thousands of people attending the Olympics will see the Nordis signs

The company will use special "crash cushions" fitted to the back of their trucks to protect the teams of fitters in the event of any accidental collisions on busy dual carriageways

Owned and operated by Northamptonshire County Council Nordis was taken over by May Gurney in 2010, when it was based in Duston, Northampton.

It was hoped at the time by councillors that Nordis would go on to become a profitable company and now operates from Ringmer in Sussex as well as Northampton.

Mr Wright said the Olympic contract was a huge boost to staff and the company itself.

He said: "Nordis now develops road signs for local authorities across the UK and for the Highways Agencies and private companies, but this is an unusual project for us and highlights the technical skill and capabilities of our teams."

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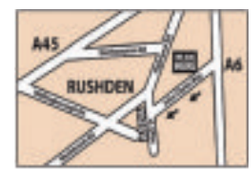

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District a 'great place to swim' new survey finds

CHILDREN in south Northants have come out on top of a 'swimming census' aimed at highlighting the importance of learning to swim at school.

The survey showed 91 per cent of primary school leavers in the district were able to swim 25 metres...the highest success rate in the country.

But this compared to rates as low as 26 per cent elsewhere in the UK, causing the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA), the governing body for swimming in England, to produce a manifesto calling for every school child to be able to swim.

The six-point manifesto, produced with Kellogg's, will be presented to members of the three main political parties in Westminster today.

The 2012 Swimming Census will urge the Government to challenge schools failing to ensure children leave school with a skill that could save lives.

Jacquie Marshall, director of swimming at Northampton Swimming Club, welcomed the move. She said: "I think it's important and I'm glad it's being highlighted.

"Obviously south Northants has done a great job but it should be 91 per cent in the whole of Northamptonshire.

"We get children that come to us at the end of junior school age who really can't swim very well.

"Swimming can help save lives and it's a really important life skill."

The manifesto will call for schools to prioritise swimming lessons so every child has the opportunity to learn to swim irrespective of their background.

It will also outline the need to monitor school swimming as part of Ofsted inspections, prioritisation of school swimming budgets and improved training for primary school teachers.

David Sparkes, chief executive of the ASA, said: "Swimming is the only subject on the national curriculum that can save your life so it's essential that government, schools and parents join us in taking action and break the cycle before we create a generation of non-swimmers unable to pass on this life-saving skill to their children in the future."

Nationally, one in three children are failing to achieve the 25-metre target set by the Government for primary school leavers.

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Has town hit the 'tipping point' for unemployed?

THE number of jobless people in Northampton has fallen slightly in the past month in line with a small overall drop in the national unemployment figure.

According to the Office for National Statistics, 5,946 people were out of work and claiming benefit in Northampton in April, down from 6,118 in March.

The figures will not have factored in major job losses such as the proposed closure of the Talk Talk call centre in Northampton, announced last month.

Across the county, 16,164 people remain out of work, just over 3,000 of whom have been unemployed for more than 12 months.

The figures tally with a national fall in unemployment of 45,000 to 2.6m, 8.2 per cent of the population, but lower than the European average of 10.2 per cent.

Brian Binley, MP for Northampton South, said he believed this could be the "tipping point" with regard to the overall unemployment situation: "This is undoubtedly good news for Northampton. Small and medium enterprises make up up a lot of the business in our county town and that's why the future of our new Enterprise Zone is so important. All of us have a real desire to see the Enterprise Zone work in helping to provide more jobs in the future for young people."

He said there was now a real belief among business that the time had come to "get out and do the job" to beat the recession.

Michael Ellis, MP for Northampton North, said: "These figures are good news but there is a lot more to do and I am very far from complacent. In Northampton we have positive signs such as the go-ahead for the railway station and the Enterprise Zone and these can only augur well. The Government recognises Northampton's potential and projects such as these are real markers for that confidence."

Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce's chief executive, Paul Griffiths said: "The number of people claiming job seekers allowance varies significantly. In South Northamptonshire (1.5) and Daventry (2.4), the claimant count is far below the UK average, with Corby, Kettering, Northampton North and Wellingborough all around the average four per cent.

"However, in Northampton South constituency, this count reaches five per cent, around the same level it was in April after we saw it rise above the national and regional average for the first time in my memory."

He added: "The economy remains extremely fragile and this week's developments with Greece and the Eurozone won't help. Last month's announcement that we are back in recession after a second consecutive quarter of contraction, will also affect business confidence and their willingness to recruit more staff.

"Businesses need freedom to grow and create jobs. This freedom could be greatly helped by the Government with the cutting of red tape and regulation and ensuring a better flow of lending to credit worthy firms.

"Locally there are several initiatives in place to help people find work – these include the Work Inspiration Network in Northampton (WIN Northampton), run by Northamptonshire Chamber and Nationwide. The Enterprise Zone should also create jobs as companies get established there."

FACT File

A total of 16,164 were unemployed and claiming benefit in Northamptonshire in April 2012.

Of these, 5,946 people were in Northampton, which fell 172 during the month.

ONS data shows 80 per cent of jobs in the county are within the service sector, chiefly among distribution, hotels and restaurants and public sector education and health. The biggest employer of all is within finance and IT.

Average weekly earnings for full-time workers in Northampton stand at just under £470, above the regional average, but below the national average of £502. However, sharp differences remain in the county itself in terms of pay. Equivalent employees in South Northamptonshire district earn £585 compared with just £410 in Corby.

Nationally, almost eight million people are now in a part-time job, the highest since records began in 1992, while those working part-time because they cannot find full-time work increased by 73,000 to a record high of 1.4 million.

Average earnings increased by 0.6 per cent in the year to March, down by 0.5 per cent points on the previous month because of lower bonuses in the private sector. Average weekly pay in private firms in March was £2 lower at £460 compared with a year ago.

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Big screens and bigger expectations for Euro 2012

A PUB owner is gearing up for Euro 2012 by spending £20,000 on new TV screens and recruiting 10 new members of staff.

The McManus Pub Company, which owns Barratts Club, in Kingsthorpe Road, Northampton, is hoping to attract football fans in the town to watch the tournament, which starts on June 8, on one of 27 TV screens in the venue.

In a bid to attract eastern European customers too, the pub is also stocking Tyskie, a brand of Polish beer.

Paul McManus, of McManus Pub Company, said: "We are hoping to create a festival of football feel in the pub and we are hoping for a good following for England, Ireland and Poland and Ukraine.

"There is also a lot of support for Spain in the town with a large crowd always coming to watch matches involving Real Madrid or Barcelona.

"Hopefully the weather will be good. We've had all the rain so let's hope that we have the sun now."

Matthew McInerney, manager of Barratts Club, said: "Although England had a poor run in the World Cup in 2010, the country still got behind them and there is no better atmosphere than watching them in a large venue like Barratts.

"This year we are introducing some new dishes to our menu, like our mini burger selection for people to share, and as well as the main bar area we have dedicated seating areas with table service that can be reserved in advance.

"With Ireland making it through this year it will be great to have two teams to cheer and with Northampton having an increasing amount of European people living in the town, we are expecting all games to attract an interest".

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, a range of events will be held during the bank holiday weekend, including a garden party, a Britpop night and a cocktail party.

Mr McManus said the pub would also be celebrating the London 2012 Olympics with staff wearing a special 'sporty' uniform with a British flag on it.

Gary McManus, owner of McManus Pub Company, said "Our philosophy in business has always been to exceed the customer's expectation.

"I am really pleased with the latest installation; people are always looking for a great experience with value for money and a jovial atmosphere."

The McManus Pub Company is looking to recruit 10 extra staff for the summer.

To apply call the pub on Northampton 721777.

The company completed a similar refurbishment of TV screens at Sir Pickering Phipps, another one of its pubs in Wellingborough Road, Northampton.

Above, Amelia Gibson and Kirsten Adams at the Barratts Club where £20,000 has been spent on new television screens

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Warning over HS2 dangers in new report

CAMPAIGNERS have claimed the credibility of the HS2 rail project is 'falling apart' after a Government report declared it faced major risks.

The compulsory assessment, carried out by the Cabinet Office's Major Projects Authority, issued an amber-red risk of the project going wrong – just one step away from warning it is unachieveable.

However the full report, which adds mounting pressure on Transport Secretary Justine Greening to abandon the plan, will not be published until the Hybrid Bill reaches Government in the next two years.

Peter Deeley, chairman of South Northamptonshire Against HS2, argued the credibility of the case for HS2 was increasingly worsening, with even the Government's civil servants recognising it is flawed.

He said: "This report has highlighted is a great deal of concern. Information about this project is not being made freely available to the public or for MPs to make decisions on. You wonder what they are keeping secret.

"We will continue to put pressure on the Government to release more information about this report.

"We have being saying for more than two years that the business case just doesn't stack up, and that is becoming more and more apparent.

"Those people living in South Northamptonshire who are affected by HS2 will be having serious doubts because they are not being given the right information.

"The credibility of this case is falling apart. It's becoming more and more difficult to justify HS2 to the public, especially when austerity measures are seeing essential services being cut."

The red-amber alert was only revealed by the Department of Transport following pressure from MP Margaret Hodge in her role as chairman of the public accounts committee.

A spokesman for the Department of Transport said: "This regular analysis will be used to improve delivery of HS2, a vital infrastructure project which will provide the rail capacity our network needs for the future."

The scheme between London and Birmingham, which was approved in January, will cut through villages bordering the west side of Northamptonshire, including close to Brackley.

The Hybrid Bill which would legislate for HS2 is expected to be presented to Parliament in the next two years.

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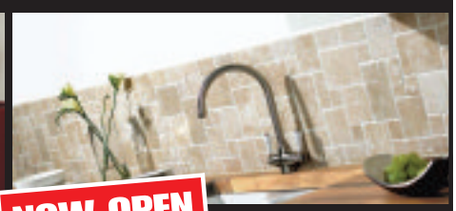

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Lottery jackpot winner hits track

WINNING £3.5 million on the lottery does not change your life, according to one Northamptonshire winner... it just makes things that little bit easier.

Chris Bowers and his wife Susan scooped £3,497,114 last July, after buying a ticket at their local Sainsbury's in Wellingborough.

Since then the couple, who are both 62, have bought a bungalow in Cogenhoe and two new cars, but have yet to make any extravagant purchases.

Former forklift truck engineer Mr Bowers was at Silverstone yesterday to celebrate the promise of the creation of 18 millionaires on Friday through the EuroMillions Millionaire Raffle.

After receiving expert motoring tuition, he helped create a giant number 18, through a combination of skids, turns and doughtnuts.

Speaking to the *Chronicle & Echo* afterwards, Mr Bowers said: "I have played the lottery since it started and had won odd bits and pieces, like £10 or £50, but to win so much was quite a shock. I hadn't long bought an iPhone and I was checking the lottery app and I saw all six numbers come up. That's when your heart starts pounding. My wife was telling me I had been silly and done something wrong.

"We didn't sleep on Saturday night, and then on Monday someone from Camelot came and confirmed it. Then we really didn't get any sleep, we were so happy."

Mr Bowers retired from his job three years early, but he and his wife were determined not to blow their windfall. He said: "It's hard to process, or even think about, numbers like £3.5 million. I used to have to read the amount backwards from the 'pence'.

"It was good. It changed our lives, but only in the way that it made things easier. We're still the same people, and have the same friends and family.

"We bought our bungalow, and I've always had nice cars as we've never had children so could afford the little extras, but I bought a Land Rover and a Mercedes. We haven't bought anything extravagant. We have a nice house, but we haven't been silly and overbought. We just try to have a good time. It's made life a little easier. It's a nice feeling. It's there if we need it, and we've been able to help a few people out here and there. Besides, my wife wouldn't let me squander it all."

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Former Cobblers chairman left £3m out of pocket by business

FORMER Cobblers' chairman Dick Underwood has sent out a warning to businessmen after he lost £3.2 million when a courier firm went into administration owing him loaned money.

Mr Underwood, who was Northampton Town chairman in the 1980s and 1990s, said he was the victim of a legitimate arrangement whereby a company can go into administration to wipe out its debts, only to re-emerge with the same directors and continue trading.

In his case he has lost all of the £2.8 million he loaned to the company, which ran a courier firm based in the area, as part of the deal when he sold the company in 2001.

With interest, however, the money owed to him by the company when it was taken over by administrators in March was £3.5 million.

Mr Underwood, from Collingtree, Northampton, said: "I had every right to expect the money would be paid back when they were able to sell the company on or when they were in a position to afford it.

"Now I'm left with nothing.

"There's nothing illegal about it, but it seems extremely unfair from where I and other creditors are standing.

"They have got out of their debt then set up the company again like nothing has happened, having lost other people's money," Mr Underwood added.

Administrators accepted an offer of £75,000 from a company set up by two existing directors of the original firms.

Mr Underwood, who had retained some shares in the original company, said: "It's a warning to people that when you deal with venture capitalists you can very easily lose control.

"I'm sure a lot of people won't know losing out like this is possible.

"It might be fascinating if I hadn't lost so much."

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Indie act My First Tooth to appear on Hollyoaks

INDIE folk stars My First Tooth headed to the set of Channel 4's Hollyoaks last weekend after being chosen to appear in the hit show.

The Northampton-based band completed two days of filming.

My First Tooth and the show's producers are remaining tight lipped about the story line, other than to reveal that the band will be performing as part of a music festival taking place in Hollyoaks.

My First Tooth bassist Jo Collis said before the final day of filming on Saturday: "I'm a big fan of Hollyoaks and regularly watch the show, so to be invited up to be part of it is very exciting.

"The first day of filming was more storyline and acting parts for the cast but when we go back, it will be more performance based.

"We haven't really done much miming like this before other than when recording music videos.

"It's been great to see the show being filmed and see how it makes it from the set to the screen.

"It felt a bit strange to suddenly find yourself on the site of a show you watch on television, surrounded by the actors and parts of the set you recognise."

My First Tooth have previously had one of their tracks used on the show, which has supported emerging musicians and bands for a number of years.

Jo said: "The first time I didn't actually know about it and was sitting down watching Hollyoaks and suddenly heard one of our songs."

My First Tooth were put forward for the latest part by the company which represents the use of their music on television.

Jo is joined in My First Tooth by Ross Witt, Gareth Jones and Sophie Galpin.

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Northampton-born Tim Minchin (left) will be performing in Andrew Lloyd-Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar on tour *Submitted picture*

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New stage show will turn comic into a superstar

A TOP comedian who was born in Northampton has landed a starring role in the touring production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit stage musical, Jesus Christ Superstar.

Tim Minchin, who was born in Northampton to Australian parents in October 1975, will take to the stage as part of an arena tour later this year.

The Olivier Award-winning comic and musician will star alongside Radio 1 motormouth Chris Moyles, who will be playing therole of King Herod in the musical.

The unlikely casting will see both men making their major on-stage musical debuts in the Andrew Lloyd Webber production.

Also in the all-star cast will be former Spice Girl Melanie C.

Mr Minchin, who was lauded for his songwriting in the West End hit *Matilda The Musical*, will play Judas Iscariot.

He said: "As a huge fan of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, I've always thought it needed three key things: a big cast and band; loads of volume; and me playing Judas.

"I've been in two small productions of the show, and understudied the big man both times.

"I am really excited about this."

Lord Lloyd-Webber is searching for a star to play Jesus through his forthcoming ITV1 talent hunt, *Superstar*.

Mr Moyles – the self-styled saviour of Radio 1 – said: "To receive a phone call from Andrew is very cool, but then when he asks you to be in his musical that's pretty amazing and there is only one thing to respond with, and that is 'yes'.

"Absolutely. My mum's gonna be well excited."

The breakfast show DJ is understood to be aiming to fit his stage commitments around his breakfast show duties, although he might miss some mornings when the distances are too great.

The tour, which begins at London's O2 Arena on September 21, will see Mel C as Mary Magdalene.

Mel C – who has appeared in stage productions such as *Blood Brothers* – said: "Taking on the role of Mary Magdalene in the incredible *Jesus Christ Superstar* has to be one of my most exciting challenges to date."

Tickets will go on sale on Friday at www.jesuschrist superstar.com, with the reissued album due out on July 16.

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Cigarettes thefts linked

A MASKED gang believed to be behind a string of recent cigarette thefts and robberies across Northamptonshire are now being linked to a number of cash point raids.

Northamptonshire Police said the spate of attacks on convenience stores and supermarkets had extended to neighbouring Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire and believed to include ram-raids on ATMs.

However, the incidents are particularly concentrated in the Brackley and Towcester area.

Since the beginning of April, both Waitrose and Tesco in Brackley, the Co-Op in Duston, the One Stop Shop in St Crispin, and the One Stop Shop in Towcester have all been targeted, along with two stores in Rushden and Raunds.

On April 24 at the Co-Op store in Main Road, Duston, two men or youths waited in a dark-coloured car, parked outside The Squirrels pub, before storming into the store as staff opened up at 6.30am

They stole a large quantity of cash, cigarettes and savings stamps.

In another robbery on February 6, masked burglars, armed with sledgehammers, smashed their way into two convenience stores on opposite sides of Northampton within an hour, believed to be carried out by the same gang.

The first smash-and-grab raid at the One Stop Shop, in Kent Road, Duston, and a second, identical raid took place at around 11.55pm at the Co-op, in Wootton Hope Drive, Wootton Fields.

The men escaped in a dark-coloured Audi A5 with thousands of pounds worth of cigarettes.

A police spokesman said yesterday: "Several stores in the south of the county have been targeted in these linked incidents, with the cigarettes stolen of considerable value.

"The burglaries in which cigarettes have been stolen are also being linked to a number of cashpoint thefts and attempted thefts.

"Premises are predominantly being targeted during the early hours of the morning and offences have also occurred in neighbouring Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire."

In all incidents, the offenders have been described as wearing dark clothing and always with face scarves, balaclavas or hoods up.

In a few cases, rigger or gardening gloves have been worn.

The offenders are known todrive a black Subaru estate car or a black BMW M3 – stealing or cloning registration plates of selected cars – and predominantly target the stores and cashpoints during the early hours of the morning.

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THE former printing press of the Northampton *Chronicle and Echo* which has been empty for nearly four years has been transformed into a theatre stage.

The redundant part of The Mounts building has been gathering dust since the printing of the paper was moved to Peterborough in September 2008 but over the last few weeks it has been brought to life by the Royal & Derngate as the setting for its production of Greek play The Bacchae.

In a twist on the classic play, adapted by Rosanna Lowe, director Laurie Sansom wanted to create a modern, industrial setting to bring the play into the 21st century,

The stage depicts the basement of strict King Pantheus' palace and the play delves into a society on the brink revolution. It is part of the Festival of Chaos trilogy of productions performed simultaneously in Northampton.

Neil Bettles, associate director and choreographer, said: "The idea was to run all three of the plays at the same time, but to break the rules a bit.

"The Bacchae was the play that lent itself to being site specific and we've created something really unique. It was just a bare space when we first came in and it's taken a lot of hard work to make it into a set.

"I feel really confident about it, we have got the look of the place just right.

"I think people will come in and it will be nothing like what they expected, especially for people who have worked here in the print press before.

"It's very exciting to be doing something different with the Royal & Derngate."

The room where the action will take place between Friday May 18 and Saturday June 30 was formerly occupied by two inserting drums and four conveyor belts which help insert supplements into the main daily *Chron*.

Former EastEnders star Liam Bergin, aged 26, who will play Pantheus, said: "This is unlike anything I have ever done before.

"I really liked the part but I also loved the director's vision for the setting of the play.

"It's been a bit of an ordeal at times working in a space like this, as an actor you have to use your voice differently as it can be echoing and there was certainly a lot of effort put in by the back-stage teams to get the set right. It's not about playing safe and I think the audience will enjoy it, it will be a real visual feast."

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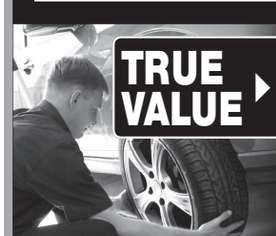

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Geoff Wright, centre, with Roy Bellett and Rob Swift, rode 1,000 miles to raise money in his granddaughter's memory
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Charity bike ride was in memory of granddaughter

A FORMER Saints player who lost his granddaughter to a brain tumour has ridden 1,000 miles on a classic British motorbike in her memory.

Imogen Wright, of Kingsthorpe, Northampton, was nine years old when she passed away in July 2010, about seven months after her family were told she had an inoperable brain stem tumour.

Earlier this month her grandfather, Geoff Wright, spent five days riding from John O'Groats to Land's End to raise money for Brain Tumour Research in her memory.

Mr Wright, aged 64, of Fylingdale, Kingsthorpe, has so far raised £800 towards his £1,000 target. He also plans to auction the 1952 AJS classic motorbike he rode to raise more funds for the charity.

He said: "Just before Christmas 2009, our family was given the news that nobody wants to hear: our nine year old granddaughter had a brain stem tumour that was inoperable and she was given three months to live.

"She battled on past that time but finally passed away in July 2010. During this time she remained a cheerful, happy girl and always had a smile on her face."

Mr Wright, who played for the Saints 246 times between 1967 and 1983, decided to ride his classic motorbike the length of the UK with help from the AJS and Matchless owners' club, whose president and chairman rode with him.

The trio also rode in memory of Chris Talbot, the club's treasurer, who was killed in a motorcycle accident last year.

Mr Wright said: "The best part of the trip was riding through the Cairngorms and Exmoor, as well as all the fabulous people we met on the way. The worst was the two days of rain we had to endure!

"After we arrived at Land's End and had lots of the photographs taken, we signed the book recording people who have completed the journey from John O'Groats to Land's End and how they did it - so I was able to add that I had completed the ride in my granddaughter, Imogen's, memory."

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Rifles return from Afghanistan tour

THE battalion which suffered one of the worst casualty rates in the Afghan conflict has returned from its second tour of duty, with a Northamptonshire soldier saying the locals were 'fantastic people'.

The battle-scarred 2 Rifles went to Helmand last September knowing its members had suffered a terrible toll previously, with a quarter of those on the ground returning injured.

Its members returned on Tuesday relatively unscathed, as around 400 received operational medals from Prince Edward at Ballykinler army base, in Co Down, Northern Ireland.

Captain Mark Cripps, 29, from Northamptonshire, said there were rogue elements in every army.

"It will be a massive setback as you trust them, but it is one individual in thousands," he said.

"There are strange people in every army. It is an unfortunate thing.

"If we suddenly became aggressive against them that would make things worse."

Capt Cripps was involved in reconnaissance with an Afghan brigade, part of a group of 10 British servicemen relying on more than 100 Afghans for their safety.

"We have a very strong understanding of Afghans. They are fantastic people. Their culture is remarkably similar to ours and hospitality is one of the most important things to them," he said.

Lance Corporal Peter Eustace died in November from a bomb blast while on patrol in north Helmand.

Double leg amputee Rifleman Justin Davis, who was injured when an improvised explosive device (IED) exploded in Helmand, and Rifleman Fred Owusu, who suffered a shattered leg, were placed at the front as the prince greeted the lines of troops.

Wearing full uniform, he thanked the men for their dedication and met the family of L/Cpl Eustace.

There was a handful of other serious injuries and some shrapnel wounds, the army said.

Many of the riflemen were working with the Afghan National Army, which is gradually assuming greater responsibility for law and order.

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Entertainment

Bluegrass star's gig is a coup

GRAMMY nominee Sarah Jarosz will play an exclusive gig in the The Old School Hall in Harpole tomorrow night.

The gig has been organised by her UK tour manager, David Walker-Collins, who lives in Harpole and helped to organise last year's Harpole Scarecrow Festival.

He said: "It's massive to have her here. It's to warm up before she goes off around the country to perform.

"I hope the people of Harpole will be pleased with the gig and think it's something different."

Sarah, from Texas in the USA, is famous for playing Bluegrass music, a form of American roots music and a sub-genre of country music.

The multi-instrumentalist, singer and songwriter whose first CD, Song Up in Her Head, was nominated for a Grammy Award in the category of Best Country Instrumental Performance for the track Mansinneedof from her debut album Song Up in Her Head.

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Entertainment

There's a Buzz in the air ahead of The Moons' gig

THE Moons will be celebrating the release of their latest single Double Vision Love at The Buzz at The Charles Bradlaugh on Saturday night.

The band will return to Northampton to play an intimate gig as part of short UK tour.

It will be the first time in four years that The Buzz will be hosting a show by the band.

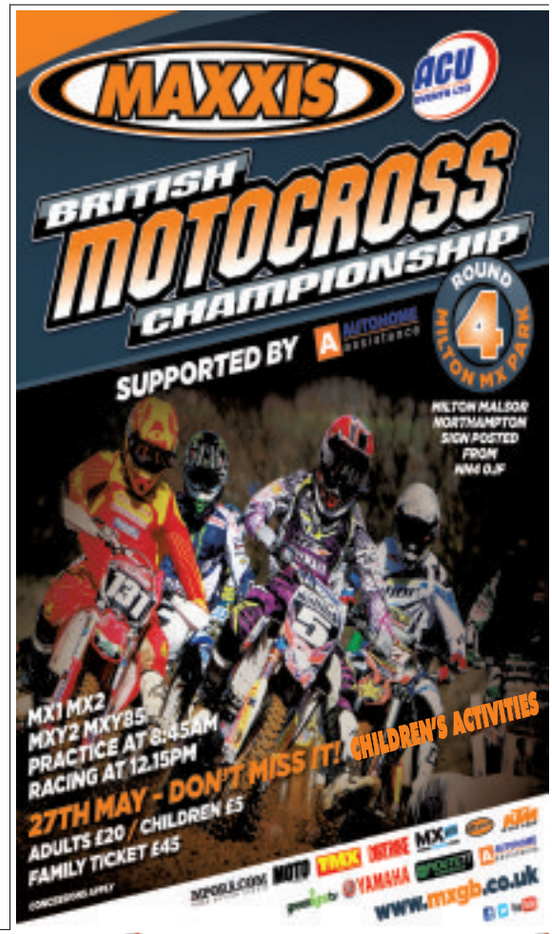
The Moons released their debut album, Life On Earth, in 2010 and its successor is due out this year.

They supported Beady Eye on their European tour in October.

Frontman Andy Crofts and drummer Ben Gordelier recently joined Paul Weller's band for a series of shows at London's Roundhouse.

The Moons play The Buzz at the Charles Bradlaugh in Northampton on Saturday, May 26.

Tickets cost £7 and are on sale now from www.wegottickets.com/event/164029. Doors open at 9pm, The Moons will be playing at 10pm and the night runs until 2.30am.



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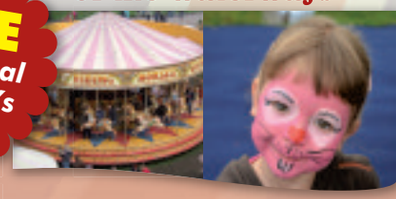

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Northampton: Dave Dynamite, Kingsley Park WMC.
Northampton: Auntie's acoustic sessions, Black Bottom Club, George Row, 8pm.
Northampton: Mason's Funky Fridays, The Workhouse, Wellingborough Road.
Northampton: DJ Bob Nixon (50-70s) plus quiz, Spread Eagle, Wellingborough Road.
Northampton: Steve Clarke disco, Devonshire Club, St James Square, 5pm-8pm*.
Northampton: Robbie's Red Hot Fridays, Jeckyll & Hyde, Wellingborough Road.
Northampton: Karaoke/disco, Molly's Bar, Abington Square.

THEATRE

Northampton: *Blood Wedding*, Royal stage, 7.45pm. Box office 01604 624811.

OTHER

Woodford: Race night, Woodford WMC, 8.30pm.

SATURDAY

MUSIC

Blisworth: 8 Ball Joe (60s-current pop & rock band), Walnut Tree, Station Road, 9.30pm.
Brafield: Inside Job, WMC, Bedford Road (A428); plus bingo; food available.
Northampton: The Buzz featuring The Moons, Charles Bradlaugh pub, Earl Street, 9pm-3am; tickets £7. 01604 473225.
Northampton: Danny Fisher, Queen's Park WMC, Cranbrook Road.
Northampton: Motown/soul disco, Spread Eagle, Wellingborough Road
Northampton: The Whiteroom (band) and DJs, Black Bottom Club, George Row. 01604 233401.
Northampton: Nataya, Foundryman's Tavern, St James Road.
Northampton: Box Eddy, Molly's Bar, Abington Square.
Northampton: Caroline Coupe, British Rail Club, St Andrew's Road.
Northampton: DJ Silky, The Workhouse, Wellingborough Road, 8pm.
Northampton: Motown karaoke, 7pm, The Crispin, Clare Street/Great Russell Street.
Northampton: Kay T Daley, Northampton WMC, Sheep Street.
Northampton: Nelson, Monks Park WMC, Wellingborough Road.
Northampton: Silhouettes, Kingsley Park WMC.

THEATRE

Northampton: *Blood Wedding*, Royal stage, 7.45pm. Box office 01604 624811.
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SUNDAY

MUSIC

Blisworth: Jazzin' Around presents The Hot Club of Cambridge, Walnut Tree, Station Road, midday-2.30pm; adm £7.
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Northampton: Americana Roots open stage, Thomas a Becket, St James Road, 7pm*.
Northampton: Karaoke, Crown and Cushion, Wellingborough Road, 8pm.
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Northampton: Jam session, Crown and Anchor, Victoria Road, 9pm.
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Northampton: Zebby and Christle (duo), Monks Park WMC, Wellingborough Road.
Northampton: Free jukebox, Spread Eagle, Wellingborough Road, 5.30pm-8.30pm.
Northampton: Christal, Kingsley Park WMC, Kingsley Park Terrace.
Sywell: Taylor'd Country (C&W band), The Horseshoe, 9pm.

THEATRE

Brigstock: *The Railway Children*, Looking Glass Theatre, 7.30pm, village hall.

OTHER

Harrington: Carpetbaggers Secret War Museum, Harrington Airfield, 10am-4pm. 01604 686608.
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ROADTEST: Nissan Qashqai n-tec+

REVIEW BY IAN DONALDSON

Qashqai's the limit

WANT to start a heated conversation when two or more motoring writers are gathered together? Ask them to discuss the fuel economy claims car makers publish and the air will warm up around them fast- er than the sun breaking through a depleted ozone layer.

A very few will claim to match, or very nearly, the figure published for overall economy. Most, and I am of that number, will say the real world and a European car testing lab are miles (per gallon) apart.

But what you mustn't then do is accuse the car manufacturer of telling porkies. The figure you find in the brochure is the one they have to use. It's Euro law and at least it's a way of comparing one car with its rivals, even it's not a sensibly achievable figure.

All of which preamble brings me to the car tested here. It's the latest version of Nissan's phenomenally successful Qashqai, built in Sunderland to the tune of more than a million since 2007, with the vast majority exported.

The big news is under the bonnet, where a new 1.6 litre diesel which boasts more power from its size than any rival and terrific economy and low car tax, thanks to modest tailpipe emissions.

Well, after a test drive from the vast plant where the car is made (one every 59 seconds, since you ask) I was hooked. The Qashqai has always been a decent punt, roomy and confidence inspiring thanks to a raised driving position that mimics an off-roader without those cars' usual downsides of bulk and thirst.

And so we're back to fuel consumption. This new Nissan sipped its way through the official test like a well watered ant taking a drink, to the tune of better than 57 to the gallon. The dashboard readout on my test car told another story; a little better than 46mpg.

Now, before you accuse Nissan of naughtiness, consider that the real world figure (well, the figure for a drive on a mix of roads including motorway and town work) is actually pretty good for such a relatively big car, especially one that proceeds with the gentle good grace of this one.

Without the dread word 'Sport' in its title there was a good chance the car would ride dreamily over dreadful British roads, and so it proved. This is a car to take the longest journeys in, and even at a 'mere' 46 mpg you might manage 750 miles from its 65 litre tank.

On the journey you could enjoy the fixtures and fittings of this n-tec+ model, which include touch screen navigation and a clever multi-camera system that lets you see what's about all around the car; front, back and sides.

And having seen the way the cars are built, fast but with near neurotic attention to quality, you might expect your Qashqai to perform without fault for years, while you saw how close to that official fuel consumption figure you could get.

For an extra £1,150 you could try the same challenge in the Qashqai +2, built a little longer to accommodate a third row of (mainly child friendly) seats and make this practical machine even more so.

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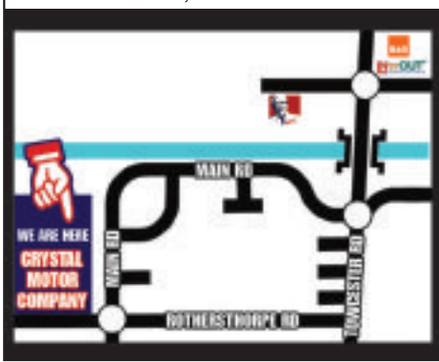

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07810625504

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2010 £9,300 ono

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07710378310

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JAGUAR X-TYPE S AWD 55, 2.5, 4 door saloon, 57000 miles, green, petrol, 2005, Tax, MOT, Leather interior. £5,000 ono **Tel: 07766640831**

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2006 £5,200 ono

MG

MG ZR 1.4

2004 53 reg, 101,000, service history, power steering, air bag, stereo, metallic grey, abs, Mot December 2013, Taxed, rear parking censors, good condition, great value only £995.
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01536 262106

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2002 £775

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LX HDI, diesel, 2.0 ltr, 5 door hatchback, Metalic Blue, 2000, 108000 miles, ABS, A/B, A/C, alarm, alloys, CD, C/L, E/M, E/W, P/A/S, stereo, MOT November 2012, Tax end of June 2012, Good runner, economical.
01604 949951

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Nissan

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51, 1.8, Hatchback, 5 door, 80500 miles, Silver, Petrol, 2002, Low Mileage, Long MOT (Mar 2013), Tax (End June 2012) 2 keys, Alloy Wheels, FSH Goodyear Tyres, Air Con, Timing Chain, CD multi player Spot / Fog lamps, Alarm, Airbags. VGC.. £850 ono
Tel: 07967-155520

2002 £850 ono

Peugeot

Peugeot 206 1.4

3 dr, Metallic Silver, 74000 miles, Tax till July, MOT till November, service history, very good condition, lady owner, CD/radio. £1500 ono **Tel:Lubenham 01858 431380**

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Peugeot 206

GLX, 1.4 3, Metallic green, 2001, 84000 miles, ABS, A/B, A/C, alarm, CD, C/L, E/M, E/W, Immobiliser, MOT, P/A/S, stereo, Taxed & Mot'd. £1395
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PEUGEOT 307 CC S 07, 1.6, coupe, 39300 miles, grey, petrol, 2007, tax until Dec mot, a/c, fsh 2 owners from new.. £6,395 ono **Tel:** 07866112580

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Peugeot 206

1.4 LX 3 door, Metallic silver, 2002, 52 reg 48000 miles, ABS, A/B, Air Con, alarm, CD, C/L, E/M, E/W, front fog, rain & light censors MOT, P/A/S, stereo, Mot May 2013 Tax end Aug 12. £2195
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2002 £2195

PEUGEOT 307 XSI 52, 2.0, 5 door hatchback, 64000 miles, blue, petrol, 2002, MOT Nov '12 Tax Oct '12 e/w DAC. £2,000 ono **Tel:** 07928861782

2002 £2,000 ono

Peugeot 206

1.4 LX 3 door, Metallic silver, 2002, 52 reg 48000 miles, ABS, A/B, Air Con, alarm, CD, C/L, E/M, E/W, front fog, rain & light censors MOT, P/A/S, stereo, Mot May 2013 Tax end Aug 12. £1995
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2002 £1995

PEUGEOT 406 LX DT S, 1.9, estate, 204000 miles, silver, diesel, 1998, £500 ono **Tel:** 01604622898

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2001 £1295

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COLLIER — (Nee Masters) Beryl
Died peacefully in Cynthia Spencer Hospice on May 11th 2012 aged 74. Precious Mum of Julia and John and wonderful Nanny to Hannah x

FINCH — Stella
My Beautiful Mum, miss you so much. Sweet Dreams Nanny Noodles Huggy Squeeze. Love Hayley, Abbie and Oliver x x x

FLOWERS
Margaret

Dearly loved Sister of Janet,
Sister-in-law of Jim,
Auntie to Shirley & Julie, Great Aunt to Jessica, Aaron & Georgina.
Remembered by John & Alan.
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x x x x x

FORSKITT
Nancy
Passed away
15th May

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Great Auntie to Liana and Nikita
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ILLING — Ted
Passed away on May 10th age 75. Dearest Brother of Denis and Jan. Uncle of Sharon, Debbie, Sarah and families. Goodnight and God bless x

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Ted

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SLINN
Bryan

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Derek, Julie, Derri and Dominie
x x x x

WHITE — Keith
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Dennis

Faith Lyon would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their help during her sad loss. Also to the Scootter Lads for attending the funeral. Thank you for all the cards and flowers. Also thank you to Reverend Dr. Stuart Mousir-Harrison for a wonderful service and Kevin Matthews Funeral service for their help during this difficult time.

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LYON
Freda

The family of the late Freda would like to thank everyone who attended her funeral. Special thanks go to Robert Baker and Belinda Wren. Also to Maggie and staff at the Co-op Funeral Care for their support and understanding at this sad time.

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Derek
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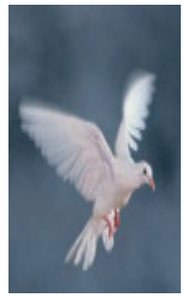

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HE'S A GONER - Northants' David Willey is bowled by Michael Yardy during the Steelbacks 12-run CB40 defeat at the hands of Sussex Sharks at the County Ground on Sunday. The County, who drew their LV= Championship Division Two clash with Kent on Saturday, are back in four-day action at Wantage Road this week. They are taking on Gloucestershire in a game which is scheduled to go on until Saturday, and they then host Warwickshire in the CB40 on Sunday afternoon.

Shepherd to shine

AUSTRALIAN ace Cameron Shepherd says he can't wait to show the Saints fans what he can do.

Shepherd, who can play at full-back or on the wing, has signed on at Franklin's Gardens and brought an end to a six-year stay at Perth-based Western Force.

Regarded as one of Australian rugby's most feared attacking players, the 28-year-old was the Super Rugby outfit's all-time leading points scorer.

He has ability with the ball in hand and can provide a useful option from the tee, possessing an excellent kicking game.

And Windsor-born Shepherd is now desperate to return to the land of his birth and illustrate his capabilities to the Saints supporters.

"It is definitely going to be a new challenge for me," said the new recruit, who has nine Australia caps to his name. "The Premiership is a tough competition and there are a lot of teams which like to play exciting rugby, especially the Saints.

"You can see that with the quality of player that there is at the club, players like Ben Foden and George Pisi, who are established internationals.

"I'm looking forward to playing with those guys and the rest of the squad, and for playing for a club which has a great reputation and an amazing history.

"Northampton is similar to the Force in that it has a great fan-base behind the team and I'm looking forward to showing the Saints supporters what I can do as a player.

"I can't wait to get there."

Shepherd, who made his international debut against England in 2006, also played for the Wallabies in the 2007 World Cup.

He likes to play an expansive game and the player feels that should suit the style Saints boss Mallinder has instilled at the Gardens.

"It's an exciting opportunity for me," said Shepherd. "I've heard lots of good things about Jim Mallinder as a coach and about the Saints as a club.

"Jim has got the team playing a great brand of rugby which I believe suits my style of play and to which I think I've got a lot to offer."

The final game of the Franklin's Gardens season is staged on Sunday when Soane Tonga'uiha's testimonial match is staged (ko 3pm).

The match sees a Saints XV take on Saints All Star XV take on a South Sea Islanders XV, with admission £10 for adults, £5 concessions.

Aidy: It's all about stability

COBBLERS boss Aidy Boothroyd has played down expectations for the coming campaign at Sixfields, insisting the focus should be on stability.

Town have endured a turbulent couple of years, with their Football League status coming under threat during the final stages of both of the past two seasons.

Hopes are high that Boothroyd will continue his rebuilding job at Northampton and put together a team that is challenging in the right half of the npower League Two.

But the manager is quick to dispel any talk of a promotion push, and says he does not want to be the latest manager at the club to make false promises to the long-suffering supporters.

"The club has finished in the bottom five for the past two seasons and while expectation is very high, when we analyse it logically, our expectation should actually be to just be stable," said Boothroyd.

"What we don't want to be is a boom-and-bust club, we want to be one that progresses steadily up the league.

"We don't want to be a team that promises lots and fails to deliver because we had that this year, and in other years.

"I don't mind expectation, I actually thrive on that, but we'd rather be nice and steady and if we are going to make a play for it, make a play for it at the end.

"If we were to finish in mid-table, that would be a huge improvement. Our average is between 49 and 52 points in the past two years and to get promoted you need to double that. That means we've got to do everything twice as well and that is going to take some time to do."

Boothroyd's rebuilding of the squad continued last week with the re-signing of defenders John Johnson and Anthony Charles, and the transfer activity both in and out is expected to increase in the next week or so.

Meanwhile, former Cobblers boss Ian Sampson was this week named as manager of Corby Town.

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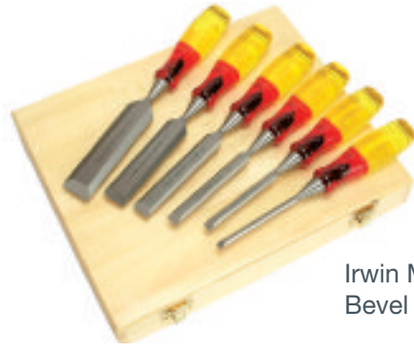

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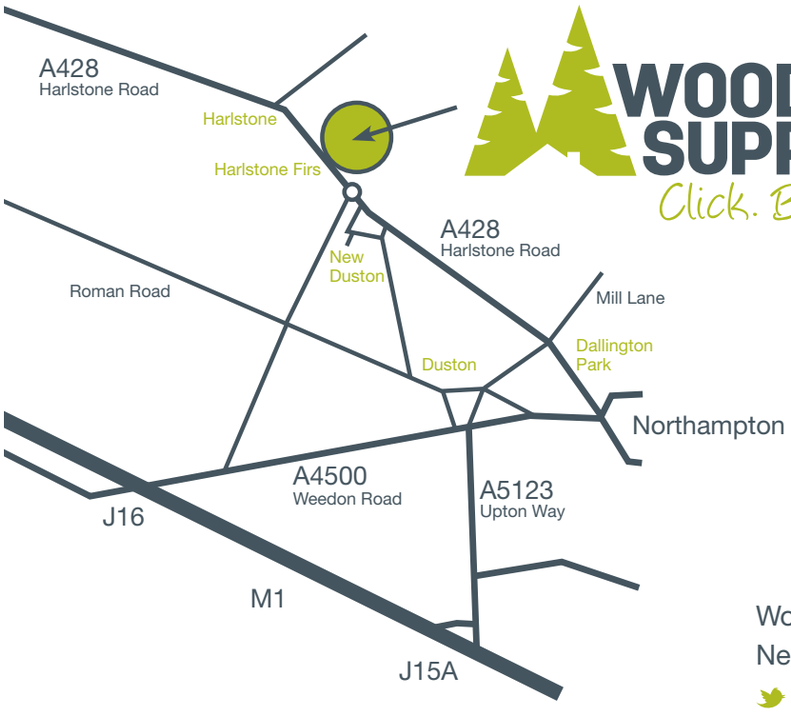

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